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SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS: EXPANSION OF SYRIAN MICROWAVE SYSTEM

1. TWO WELL-INFORMED/CONNECTED SYRIAN BUSINESSMEN, DR.

AHMAD EL-ADLY AND ABDUL RAHMAN ATTAR, HAVE BRIEFED ECONOFF ON SYRIAN STUDIES CURRENTLY BEING PUT TOGETHER IN ANTICIPATION OF SYRIAN GOVERNMENT TENDER FOR UPGRADING EXISTING SYRIAN NATIONAL MICROWAVE NETWORK, AND NEW MICROWAVE AND TV COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND AMMAN. FRENCH AND GERMAN TECHNICIANS ARE SAID TO BE ASSISTING IN PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS. POTENTIAL VALUE ESTIMATED AT \$40 TO 60 MILLION.

2. RECOMMEND ACTION ADDRESSEES BRING THIS POTENTIAL BUSINESS TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES. RCA/IRAN/KETCHNER WAS BRIEFED BY RCA AGENT EL-YOUSSEF AND ATTAR DURING HIS RECENT VISIT.

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